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Uganda: Prime Minister Obote appears to be in firm control as the possibility of military resistance has faded.

Yesterday the potential leader of any armed opposition, ousted army commander Brigadier Opoloto, publicly affirmed his loyalty to Obote. Police and northern army officers had moved to neutralize any possible action by troops loyal to Opoloto.

Obote had already undercut his political opponents with a radio statement explaining his action in seizing supreme power. He claimed that the suspension of the constitution was only temporary and that its provisions for parliament and the rights of Uganda's four kingdoms would be preserved. This should allay some of the concern among President Mutesa's followers regarding his hereditary leadership of the country's most powerful tribe.

Obote also played on fears of foreign influence by asserting that earlier in the month a high government official had asked a foreign mission in Kampala to bring in soldiers and arms to overthrow the government.

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\*Dominican Republic: At the last minute President Garcia Godoy has apparently backed away from an agreement reached following lengthy meetings with the military leaders on 24 February to solve the present civilian-military impasse.

The agreement called for the "promotion" of the army and air force chiefs to senior staff positions without command responsibilities. Garcia Godoy informed Ambassador Bunker yesterday afternoon that following "soundings" in various quarters he feared the proposed solution would only result in a resumption of agitation and disorders.

Bunker presumes that the President's wavering is caused by a rejection of the proposals by Juan Bosch and his followers on the grounds that the terms did not meet leftist demands that the two military chiefs leave the country. The two officers slated to replace their respective chiefs have been closely associated with traditional military conservatism, and their nomination is reportedly meeting opposition from the left.

Garcia Godoy has let it be known that he personally favors the retirement, either voluntarily or involuntarily, of the two chiefs. He is aware, however, that without the support of the defense chief and ranking officers, which seems unlikely, such an alternative would have little chance of success.

[The President's decision suddenly to withdraw from the agreement is likely to reinforce suspicions prevalent in the military that Garcia Godoy is a captive of the left, and it may unite the military in opposition to him.]

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# NOTES

Indonesia: President Sukarno yesterday banned KAMI, the anti-Communist student confederation, and prohibited further student demonstrations. On 24 February KAMI had led protests against Sukarno's reshuffled cabinet and tried to prevent its installation. No other group has openly resisted the cabinet changes and the President's downgrading of the army. In an effort to head off any further anti-Sukarno agitation, the Djakarta army command has extended the nightly curfew in the capital area from six to nine hours.	25X	(1

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